



**ST MARGARET'S**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SILVERSTREAM

**NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2020**

*God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation,  
but the world feels strange right now.  
The news is full of stories about Corona virus.  
Some people are worried that they might get  
ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and  
friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.  
We pray for the doctors and nurses and  
scientists,  
and all who are working to discover the right  
medicines  
to help those who are ill.  
Thank you that even in these anxious times,  
you are with us.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us  
safe.  
Amen.*

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## Greetings

1 October – 85 days until Christmas and given the year that we've had to date we can almost guarantee that Christmas 2020 will be a different sort of Christmas. More about Christmas in a later newsletter.

October is Fair Month. It's now that things really become a serious with regards to our annual Fair. Did you know that the word Fete an alternative label for a fair comes from the mediaeval Latin *festus* via the French word *fête* and means holiday or party. Given the activity that surrounds our fair it is hardly a holiday although it does take on a party-like atmosphere at times.

For us collectively this is a very busy month. I know that the Dean and his team have the Fair's organisation well under control and for that we are very grateful. But it's this month that we get down to the final collecting, sorting, baking, bottling, crafting (is it the right word?), sweet making and mystery wrapping and organising.

But October is not just about the Fair. Midway through the month we have our annual plant sale. This year it coincides with the election. I attempted to find a strap line that links our plant sale and the election but "plant a politician" doesn't quite fit and the Potty Party has already been taken. If someone has a clever idea I'd be interested – of course there are no prizes.

All of this preparation involves time, people, and energy. My body keeps reminding me that none of us are getting any younger even though we are supposedly all ageing at the same speed. I encourage you all to look after yourselves in this very busy time. Collectively we are very grateful for the involvement that people are prepared to give to support our activities this month. We are blessed to have as many folk prepared to give their time for this activity. Thank you.

So do enjoy this month, October - because then there are only fifty-four days until Christmas.

Blessings.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris". The signature is written in black ink and features a long, sweeping flourish that extends from the bottom of the name across the page.

### Personal notes

September was a busy month in which we have kept hospitals busy with a number of our folk spending time in Hutt or Boulcott hospitals. Thoughts and prayers are for those who have had surgery, medical assessment during the month. Those that I am aware of include: Pat Lerwill Pat Rainey; Shirley Main and Diane Pratt (both for surgery), David Ross, Alison Nydam, and Len Garnham (each of whom has had a fall). Our thoughts are for you all and our prayers for speedy recoveries.

Congratulations to Michelle Smith who recently became engaged to Dave Peterson. Michelle is the daughter of Kathy Smith.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Arthur Mackinder and Ruth and the family as they come to terms with serious illness. May you all be surrounded by the presence of God.

### Birthdays in October

Eva Upton,  
Jean Rothwell  
Jo Rothbaum,  
Lottie Upton,  
Ollie West,  
Pam Hurly,  
Rhys West

### Lectionary:

**4 Oct.** Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**11 Oct.** Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

18 Oct. Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**25 Oct.** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

**1 Nov.** Revelations 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10,22 1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

## ROSTERS

### Morning Tea

- 4 Oct. Youth Group  
 11 Jacqueline Kitchen/Lorna Moir  
 18 Jeanette & Clive McGovern  
 25 Riek Kleinjan/Lynn Russell  
 1 Nov. Debbie Chote/Chris Scotton

### Church Cleaning

- 4 Oct. Margaret Opray  
 11 Alison McLeod-Jones  
 18 Carol McConnell  
 25 Fono Williams  
 1 Nov. Jean Don

### Lawns

- 10 Oct. Richard Harrison  
 24 Malcolm Galloway  
 7 Nov. Mike McInnarney

### Audio Visual

- 4 Oct. David Lottering  
 11 Hazel O'Brien  
 18 Lee Don  
 25 Scott Taylor- Hall  
 1 Nov. Alfred Enslin

## WHAT'S ON

- **Afternoon Fellowship** meet on Wednesday 7 October 1.30 p.m. in the church lounge. Lorna Moir will share more of her travels in Israel.
- **Evening Fellowship** - Wednesday 14 October 7.30 p.m. Our speaker will be Emily Taylor-Hall, a member of our congregation, speaking about recycling. Men are most welcome to all of our meetings.
- **Scrapbooking & Card making group.** Our October meeting will be held on Sunday 18 October in the church lounge, 12.00 noon - 3.00 p.m. BYO lunch as well as your 'works in progress' and your equipment. Cost \$2.50. Enquiries to Pam Hurly 528.5461.





## **Children, Youth & Families @ St.Margaret's OCTOBER 2020**

**YOUTH GROUP** - It's been a crazy year and our trip to the beach feels like a distant memory with the latest Covid level changes. Our young people have been amazing and this time around we haven't been meeting via zoom with clashes and extra pressures as our young people hit mock exams and school commitments.

For many young people, this year has been a year where they have missed many of the things we look back on and take for granted as a right of passage, such as senior balls. The exam season now hits and with a lot of time out of the classroom and the mixed bag this year, anxiety levels can be high, so we ask you to think of our young people in your prayers.

Youth group have met up at the church a couple of times during level two. It has been great to see our young people and spend some time together.

As we hope for a lifting of levels and the ability to meet again, our young people are headed into school holidays which means no youth group! We hope all our young people have great holidays and are able to join us again next term for some time to just relax in what is often the stressful end of the year.

Jo and Delena

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - We would love to see our children at our last Sunday School for the term on Sunday 27 September. Wishing you all a fun holiday break.

We have a busy Term 4 lined up with the pageant to produce. We will restart Sunday School on Sunday 18 October and really look forward to welcoming the children back then.

**PLAY GROUP** - Playgroup will be returning to St Margaret's in Term 4, Thursday 15 October at 10.00 a.m. Looking forward to seeing our playgroup families again. All welcome.



**GIRLS' BRIGADE** - For Father's Day in September, the girls made Super Dad's - we think they turned out very well!

The Pioneers and Seniors are currently doing a gardening badge and have painted pots. Once dry, the girls will add some lobelia (at time of writing this task hadn't been completed!).



We will take a break over the school holidays and resume on Tuesday 13 October.



## CONTACTS

**Sunday School** Nicki - 5288106

**Youth Group** Jo - 021616376 or Delena 9776338

**Playgroup** Ainsley - 5278090

**Girls Brigade** Delwyn - 9769116 and Emma - 0210 822 0990



# ST MARGARET'S CHURCH FAIR

**ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR – SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2020,  
10am – 1pm**

It's crunch time now for our Annual Fair and we are looking forward to another fantastic event. There are lot's of ways you can be involved and help both on the day and in the lead up...

**Leaflet drop:** Leaflets to drop in letter boxes will be available on Sunday 27 September. Please take the bundles of leaflets for streets in your area (or further afield if yours has been taken). If you have children or grandchildren who could assist with this task, please enlist their help. Delivery needs to be completed within two weeks to give people time to look out goods and bring them to the church from Wednesday 14 October.

**Donations for stalls:** The following donations would be gratefully received by the convenors from now on:

- Small items for the children's **lucky dip** - Delwyn - [delschina@gmail.com](mailto:delschina@gmail.com) (please place unwrapped items in the specially marked box in the hall foyer)
- General requests to make sorting easier - Sheets, duvet covers, duvets, fabrics etc. - **please label with size if possible.**
- **Used clothing** – clean and good condition babies, children and adults clothing.
- This year we are having an **accessories stall** so any good quality, new or used handbags, scarves, sunglasses, gloves, jewellery etc is most welcome.
- Good (new or used) items suitable for the **homeware stall** – please separate out from items for the Steptoe stall.
- **Raffle items** – anything Christmas raffle related or grocery items – these can be put in box marked specifically for Christmas Raffles
- Spare cane baskets suitable either for raffles or gift baskets

- New toiletry items for men or women, bathroom goodies that can be made into gifts – please place donations in box marked specifically for **‘Christmas crafts and gifts’**
- **Morning Tea** - It's that time of the year again when we need your support so we can provide the amazing morning tea that has become infamous with the Church Fair. We are keen to have loaves, uncut slices plus diabetic and gluten free items- these can be delivered to the church on the Friday night or early Saturday morning. Any queries please phone Carol McConnell on 027 2210 609. Our thanks in advance.

**Receiving and sorting donated goods:** from Wednesday 14 October onwards. The church will be open for donations to be dropped off from 10.00 a.m. to noon on 14 October and 21 October, then throughout the week leading up to the fair. We will need lots of helpers over this time to sort donated items. So if you can spare an hour or two to help with this, please join us - you will be made very welcome.

## **Fair Week**

### **Monday 26 October (Labour Day)**

A team of people will be needed to set up tables in the hall, bring in clothing and manchester from storage and get everything ready for setting up to begin on Tuesday.

### **Wednesday 28 October** (time to be confirmed)

A team will be needed to move chairs in the church to a designated area and to lift pews into place around the perimeter and down the centre of the church.

### **Tuesday 27 October to Friday 30 October**

The church premises will be open each day as we receive and sort goods. This is a major task but if everyone can do a little the load will be lightened.

### **Fair set up/clean up – Saturday 31 October**

Outdoor setup **begins at 7.30 a.m** with the erection of the marquee, tents and trestle tables, then taking everything out to the tables and setting it out ready for sale. Lots of helpers are needed at this stage so we are all ready to enjoy the rest of the day.

Clean up starts at 1.00 p.m. If you have sport in the morning, can you help in the afternoon?

*If you can help with set-up and/or clean-up please phone Dean Paul (0211934061)*

### **Can you help with a stall or activity on the day?**

If you are available to help on the day and have not yet committed to a specific area please let Sheryn know or talk to a stall convenor (see the list in the September newsletter).

Got a question or a suggestion or a request?

If you have any queries please contact Sheryn on 021936067

### **Sponsor a Stall!**

This year, we are trying a new initiative. For some stall holders, they incur a lot of personal expense in providing goods to sell at the fair. We also know a number of people would like to contribute in some way, but are unable to help on a stall or on the day. If you would like to 'Sponsor a Stall' please contact Sheryn on 021936067 or Dean on 0211934061. Your contribution may be in the form of cash or NW vouchers and this would help off-set the costs for some of the stall holders.

**Advertising:** Attached to the newsletter this month is the poster. If you are able to print one and place in your car window, workplace or ask your family to, that would be great. Please also share the ad's on our Instagram account, click on this link

<https://instagram.com/stmargaretschurchfair?igshid=1e1869iwkvxw>

And our Facebook page on this link

<https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsfairupperhutt>

Let's have a hugely successful Tomato Plant Sale on Saturday 17 October followed by an awesome Fair on Saturday 31 October!

### **Contacts**

Tomato Plant Sale: Lorna Moir 5282681

Fair

Convenor: Dean Paul 0211934061

Stall holder coordinator: Sheryn Jacques 021936067

Advertising: Delena West 021332449

Social Media: Rosenda Upton 021848840

**REPORT FROM BOARD OF MANAGERS****Statement Of Financial Performance v Budget for 2 Months July – August 2020**

	Jul-20	Aug-20	Total	Budget	Gain (Loss)
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>					
<b>Giving</b>					
Envelopes	1,811	836	2,646		
Automatic Payments	6,279	6,459	12,738		
	8,090	7,295	15,384	15,000	384
Loose	292	196	488	833	(345)
Donations General	1,145	1,375	2,520	1,667	853
	9,527	8,866	18,392	17,500	892
<b>Fund Raising - Masks</b>		1,915	1,915	0	1,915
<b>Interest</b>		1	1	0	1
<b>Church &amp; Hall hire</b>	430	761	1,191	833	358
<b>Mission - Bible Society</b>	196	0	196	300	(104)
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>10,153</b>	<b>11,542</b>	<b>21,696</b>	<b>18,633</b>	<b>3,062</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>					
<b>Administration</b>	2,004	797	2,801	3,014	214
<b>Christian Education</b>	376	0	376	350	(26)
<b>Ministry</b>	7,809	7,883	15,692	16,733	1,041
<b>Mission - Bible Society</b>	0	502	502	750	248
<b>Property Expenses</b>	827	693	1,520	2,867	1,347
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>9,875</b>	<b>20,891</b>	<b>23,714</b>	<b>2,823</b>
<b><u>Net Surplus(Deficit)</u></b>	<b>(862)</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>(5,081)</b>	<b>5,886</b>

Funds available for general operations amounted to \$31,727.34 at 31 August 2020.

**GIVING** - The figures for June and July shown above are heartening.

**DONATIONS** - We appreciate the donations that have been received.

**FUNDRAISING - MASKS** - An initiative driven largely by Margaret Opray and Lynley McInnarney, and supported by a great team from the congregation, made masks to help fight COVID-19. All materials were donated and sales in August amounted to \$1,915 with a further \$1,200 being banked so far in September.



**ANNUAL TOMATO  
PLANT SALE +  
DEVONSHIRE TEA  
COME ALONG!**

**ST. MARGARET'S  
CHURCH**

**Dunns Street, Silverstream**

**Saturday 17 October**

**9.00 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Large variety of plants and Garden Accessories**

**Can you help with the donation of small boxes  
(approx. shoe box size) - please leave in the hall  
foyer.**

# October 2020

Minister: Rev. Chris Rosanowski 971.7530  
 Session Clerk: Marilyn Anderson 527.8601  
 Website: <http://stmargaretschurch.net.nz>  
 Hall Bookings: Carol McConnell 527.9462

Family Team: Contact the Minister

Facebook: St. Margaret's Family Page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Play Group Pilates Badminton	2	3
4 Communion	5 Friendship Gr. Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30	6 Girls' Brigade	7 Pilates 10-11 am Aftn.Fellowship Session	8 Play Group Pilates Badminton	9	10
11 Morn. Worship Shared lunch	12 Friendship Gr. Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30	13 Girls' Brigade Probus	14 Pilates 10-11 am Evg.Fellowship	15 Play Group Pilates Badminton	16	17 PLANT SALE
18 Morn. Worship	19 Friendship Gr. Country dancing Pilates 6.30-8.30	20 Girls' Brigade	21 Pilates 10-11 am Bd. Managers	22 Play Group Pilates Badminton	23	24
25 Morn. Worship	26 Labour Day	27 Girls' Brigade	28 Pilates 10-11 am	29 Play Group Pilates	30	31 CHURCH FAIR

Retirement Home Services - Manor Park - 1 Oct; Summerset - 9 Oct; Heretaunga - 27 Oct.  
 Every Sunday evening 4.00-8.30 p.m. - Christian Mission Fellowship